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Re: U.S. Utility Application No. 09/552,087
Filed: April 21, 2000
For: **Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants**
Inventors: BYRUM, Joseph R., *et al.*
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Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO):

1. an Amendment and Reply to the Office Action dated 19 September, 2002;
2. a Petition for Extension of Time for two (2) months (in duplicate);
3. check No. 151657 in the amount of \$400;
4. a replacement copy of the Sequence Listing in Computer Readable Form (CRF);
5. a Sequence Listing on CD-ROM (COPY 1 REPLACEMENT 01/23/2002);
6. a Sequence Listing on CD-ROM (COPY 2 REPLACEMENT 01/23/2002);
7. a Statement Regarding Sequence Submission; and
8. a Return Postcard.

Please stamp the postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

Three CD-ROMs accompany this transmittal letter: two copies of a sequence listing (Seq. Listing: COPY 1 REPLACEMENT 1/23/2002, Seq. Listing: COPY 2 REPLACEMENT 1/23/2002), and a sequence listing CRF: REPLACEMENT 1/23/2002. Seq. Listing: COPY 1 REPLACEMENT 1/23/2002 and Seq. Listing: COPY 2 REPLACEMENT 1/23/2002 are identical to each other and to the sequence listing CRF: REPLACEMENT 1/23/2002. All three sequence listing CD-ROMs each contain one file called "pa_00284.txt" which is 13,456,901 bytes in size (measured in MS-DOS) and was created on January 23, 2002. All CD-ROMs are in IBM-PC machine format, and are MS-DOS and MS-Windows compatible.

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It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in the documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account Number 50-1824, referencing docket number 16517.132. Applicants likewise authorize a charge to Deposit Account Number 50-1824 for any other fees related to the present application that are not otherwise provided for in the accompanying documents.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments